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## Calvin Griffith's 'sad day' finally comes

### 'I'm going to miss talking to the press'

By Dan Steeking  
Staff Writer

Outside Calvin Griffith's office in the Metrodome, a teletype machine clattered with Friday's doings and dealings in professional baseball. There was news of players coming off or going on disabled lists, announcements of players being optioned or reassigned here and there.

Sitting in his swivel chair, Griffith fiddled with a letter opener and then a paper clip remover as he talked about the after running a major league baseball team for nearly three decades.

Yesterday was busy but in a different way for Griffith.

Tom Mee, director of public relations, advised Griffith of plans for

Controlling interest in Indians sold for \$15.5 million. Page 7D.

last night's ceremony at home plate when Griffith and his sister, Thelma Hayes, cosigned letter-of-intent documents with Minneapolis banker Carl Pohlad, the first step in the sale of the Twins. The two parties were going to be classified into the same in identical red convertibles.

An elderly friend and his grandson dropped by to wish Griffith good luck and express disappointment that the club was being sold. Griffith made sure that the younger visitor was given an autographed Twins baseball.

Executive Vice President Howard Fox, who with Bruce Hayton of executive vice president, has been

active in the negotiations with Pohlad, needed five minutes to discuss some details. Jan Bonaventra, Griffith's secretary, needed some letters signed. The telephone rang several times, and Griffith took the calls. Most had to do with the pending sale.

At one time, Griffith had three titles with the Twins: chairman of the board, president and general manager. But he is uncertain what his title will be after the sale is completed.

"I'm going to have something to do with player evaluation and development," he said. "It's what I wanted to do. I'd be working with George (farm director George Brophy) and getting out around the system and watching other major league clubs. I think between us we can make some

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Staff Photos by Martin Lewison

Calvin Griffith fought back tears Friday night at the Metrodome. At left, a sign on the upper deck.

## Twins beaten by White Sox outburst in 9th

By Howard Slaker  
Staff Writer

All things must pass. So, after a 16-game spell during which Stan Davis was at the peak of his game, the Chicago White Sox rallied for three runs in the ninth Friday night and an 8-6 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Scott Fletcher led off that last at-bat with a single to right and Harold Baines followed with a monstrous 45-foot home run to straightaway center field to take a 7-6 lead. Two more hits, an intentional walk and Baines' choice provided the final score. Davis dropped to 35 and ended a 15-inning streak in which he'd allowed only four hits, no walks and one run. He had a win and five saves in that stretch as well.

Dan Spillner (1-5) got the victory in his first appearance for Chicago. He was a member of the Cleveland Indians before being traded Thursday for a player to be named later. He allowed just two hits and no walks in 5 1/2 innings last night.

The Metrodome, where baseball is usually played in theater-like dignity, took on a vibrant air for most of the night as 21,819 people came to watch the ceremony that signaled the imminent change of ownership between the Calvin Griffith/Thelma Hayes family and Minneapolis banker Carl Pohlad.

After a 45-minute delay for an emotional home-plate ceremony, the White Sox wasted little time in jumping to a 3-0 lead by the end of the second inning. The Twins, though, grabbed a 6-3 advantage in the fourth and managed to nurse a lead until Baines' blow, off a waist-high fast ball that was his 11th homer of 1984.

Only three of the Twins' runs were earned, their rallies helped along by a pair of three-base errors. With one out in the third and Kirby Puckett at second, shortstop Fletcher made a bad throw to first on Dave Engle's grounder. The ball rolled down the right-field line and, by the time Mike Scayre retrieved it, Engle had



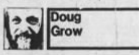
New owner Carl Pohlad, wearing Twins jersey No. 84, shook hands with pitcher Len Whitehouse Friday night at the Metrodome.

## As finish nears runner looks back - sees Olympic hopes turn to salt

Los Angeles, Calif. For those of you who think life is fair, justice wins out and everything is beautiful, stick around for the story of Richie Harris.

Harris is 27 years old, grew up in Lake Forest, Ill., and now lives in Eugene, Ore., which is a good place to live if you want to make the Olympic team as a 1,500-meter runner. Harris wanted to make the Olympic team as a 1,500-meter runner.

He's not a big name runner. Harris. But he's a good one. A very good one, who has overcome hamstring problems, foot problems, ankle problems and several other problems in time to qualify for the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.



Doug Grow

Chesebrough pulls out of women's 200. Page 3D.

He was feeling mean and hungry when he stepped to the starting line for the first qualifying heat of the 1,500 meters Friday. Harris liked the feeling of meanness and hunger.

"You want to go into a race like this with the attitude that these guys are your enemies," he said. "You go in with the idea that they're the Viet Cong and you have to repel the bombs."

For 1,487 meters, Harris, wearing

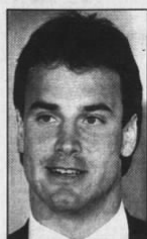
the Cub Scout bandana on his head that he's worn since high school, did repel the bombs.

With a stride, a stride and a half perhaps, left in the race, Harris was in fourth place in his heat, which is just where he wanted to be. A fourth-place finish would mean that he would qualify for today's semifinals of the 1,500.

But then, just as a feeling of joy was coming over Harris, he did something he always tells people they should never do.

"I looked back," he said. "I always tell people, 'Don't look back, run all the way through the finish line.'"

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"I hope to find the strength to overcome my past difficulties... and prove I can make it back." —Art Schlichter

## Schlichter's NFL suspension is ended

Associated Press

Columbus, Ohio The NFL reinstated Indianapolis Colts quarterback Art Schlichter on Friday, ending a 14-month suspension brought on by compulsive gambling that cost the former Ohio State star about \$400,000 and threatened his football career.

"It's a big moment in my life," he said after Commissioner Pete Rozelle announced the reinstatement. "I'm very excited about my future and the opportunity to go back and play in the NFL again."

Schlichter, 24, judged a disappointment to the Baltimore Colts in his rookie season of 1982, was suspended indefinitely May 28, 1982, after his compulsive betting became

public knowledge.

Schlichter has undergone counseling and said he expects to be in therapy for some time.

"I can't describe what I've been through in the past year," he said. "I want to thank the commissioner for having faith in me and giving me the opportunity to play again. I had thought at one time that I wasn't going to get the opportunity to play again, and for him to show the faith and give me a hand and say 'come on and try again' is an uplift toward me and gives me an ample desire to go out and try to represent the NFL as well as I possibly can."

Rozelle, in a statement issued from Washington, D.C., said Schlichter continued on page 4D

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